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SUBJECT: END OF US UNIVERSITY DELEGATION VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. THE DELEGATION OF FIVE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS BEGAN THE LAST OF THEIR ELEVEN DAYS IN ROMANIA BY MEETING NOVEMBER 15 WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION PAUL NICULESCU-MIZIL. THE DELEGATION, IN ROMANIA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE US-ROMANIAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT, REPORTED THEIR OBSERVATIONS ON ROMANIA'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM DURING THE TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH MINISTER MIZIL, AND ADDITIONALLY OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE ACADEMIC EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE US. MINISTER MIZIL EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THEIR REPORT, AND ADDED HIS PERSONAL WISHES FOR AN EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT WHEN ROMANIA SENDS ITS DELEGATION TO THE US.

2. DR. CHARLES ODEGAARD, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN SEATTLE AND SPOKESMAN FOR THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, HAD THESE COMMENTS FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH MINISTER MIZIL, "OUR RECEPTION IN ROMANIA EXCEEDED OUR EVERY EXPECTATION." HE CONTINUED, "IN ADDITION TO THE WARM HOSPITALITY OFFERED US, WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIVERSITY RECTORS, DEANS, FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS." HE FELT THE DELEGATION WOULD LEAVE WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOALS OF ROMANIAN EDUCATION, AND "HOPEFULLY WITH A GRASP OF HOW AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

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CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE TO ROMANIA'S DRIVE FOR MODERNIZATION."

3. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH MINISTER MIZIL, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HOSTED A PRESS CONFERENCE AND FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE FIVE AMERICANS. THEIR SUCCESSFUL STAY IN ROMANIA, WHICH INCLUDED VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES IN CLUJ, ALBA-IULIA, SIBIU, IASI AND BUCHAREST, ENDED NOVEMBER 16 WITH THEIR RETURN TO THE US, AND OFFERED NEW EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH CHARACTERIZES RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND ROMANIA.
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